

Greater Idaho Falls International Migratory Bird Day

Theme: Why Birds Matter

Date: **May 17th 2014**

Location: Ducks Unlimited Market Lake Ranch adjacent to Market Lake Wildlife Management Area (See map and directions on back) near Roberts, Idaho

Hosts: Jointly hosted by Ducks Unlimited Inc., Audubon Society, Idaho Master Naturalists, Friends of Camas Refuge, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management

SPECIAL TOURS: In conjunction with the activities taking place at the Ranch, four special tours are being offered that provide access to areas typically closed to the general public. The tours include Market Lake WMA, Mud Lake WMA canoe tour (you'll need your own canoe), Camas NWR and the Snake River. *Tours are by reservation only and limited to 12 persons per tour.* **Call or email Brian Wehausen to register.**

E-mail is preferred. ([brian wehausen@fws.gov](mailto:brian_wehausen@fws.gov) or 208-241-5410). Tour donations gladly accepted.

Schedule of Events

Early AM – Recreational birding at nearby hotspots

Individuals head out and bird at their leisure. Record your observations to share with other participants during lunch at the Market Lake Ranch.

9:00 AM – Market Lake Ranch open to the public

Area biologists and naturalists will be on hand with displays/information, birders will be on hand to take beginning birders on birding walk or accompany you to Market Lake WMA. **DECOY CARVING:** Learn the history and purpose of waterfowl decoys as you watch master carvers produce handmade decoys throughout the day.

10:00 AM – Especially for kids and those new to birding!

Learn how to identify birds, go on a bird walk with a local birder, attract birds to your yard and build a bird house with expert help from Home Depot. Binoculars and tools supplied for the kids.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Free lunch

Hamburgers, hotdogs and chips. Donations gladly accepted.

1:00 PM –Live Bird presentation from Teton Raptor Center

Enjoy a unique, up-close, arm's length learning experience with LIVE raptors – featuring hawks, falcons, eagles and owls. Learn about traits of raptors, adaptations of diurnal and nocturnal raptors, fables and stories about raptors, local birds of prey, predator and prey relationships, conservation issues and more from Teton Raptor Center, with a special presentation by Program Director and Master Falconer Jason Jones. Don't miss the opportunity to see the falcon in flight!

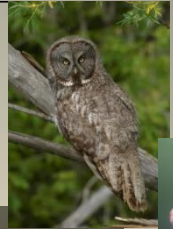


Guided Tours

Tours are Free!

(Donations accepted and will be applied to next year's event)

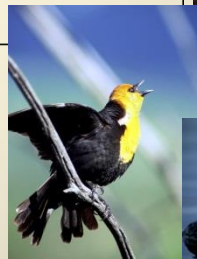
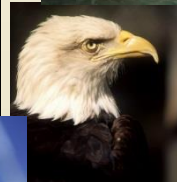
South Fork Snake River. Venture onto the South Fork for incredible birding, particularly songbirds but also raptors such as osprey and great gray owls (this one was photographed there). This tour will be led by birder and Fish and Game biologist Rob Cavallaro who will also talk about the conservation values of our wonderful river. Capacity: 12 people.



Market Lake Wildlife Management Area. This tour will venture into areas normally closed to the public this time of year to get a better view of colony nesting species and a plethora of other wildlife on the WMA. This tour will be led by master birder, Darren Clark. Capacity: 12 people.



Camas National Wildlife Refuge. Tour the difficult to reach Sand Hole Lake, the only one on the Refuge with permanent water, with Refuge Manager Brian Wehausen and see waterbirds, songbirds and raptors while Brian explains the workings of the Refuge. Capacity: 12 people.

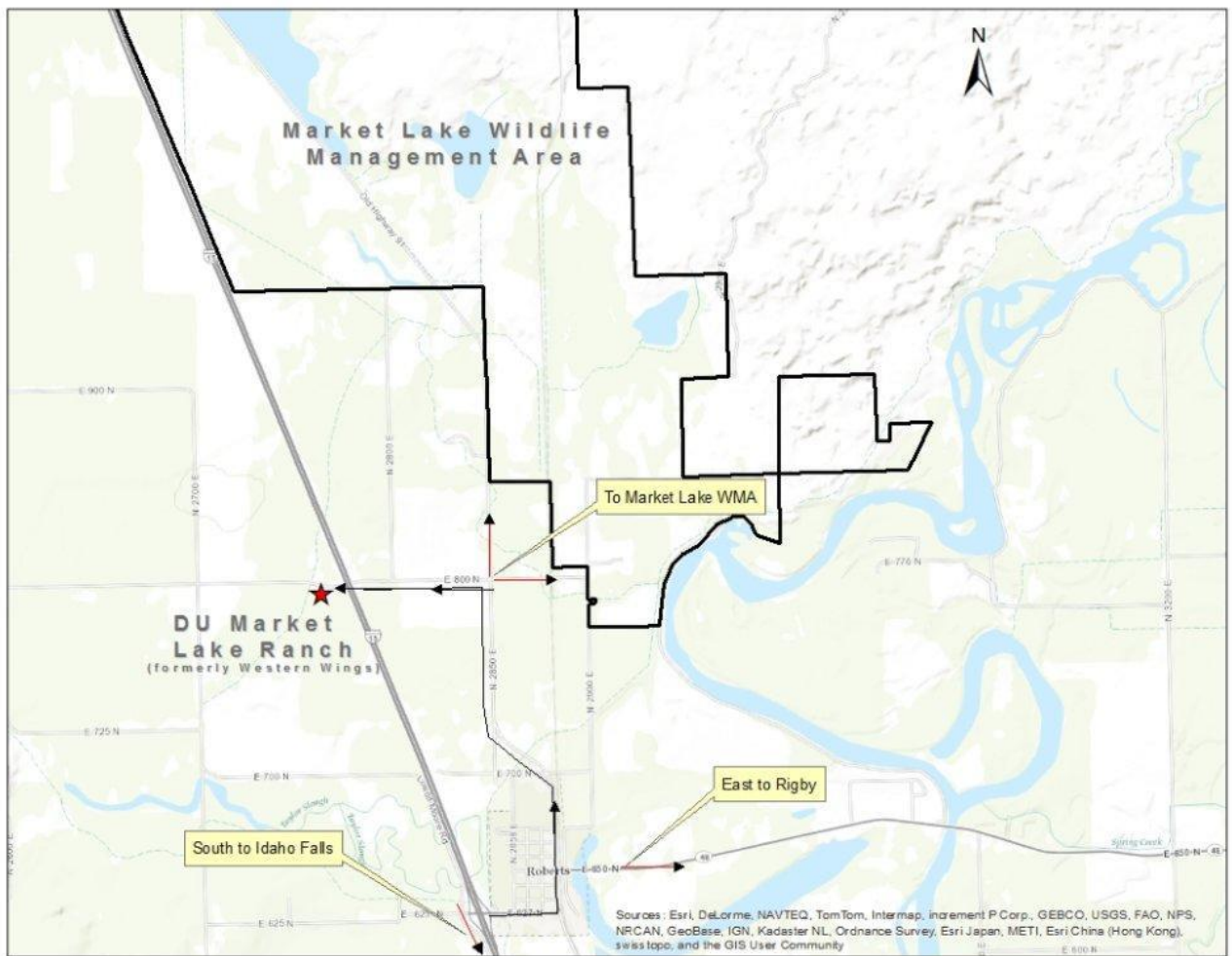


Mud Lake Wildlife Management Area Canoe Tour. Adventure with WMA manager Curtis Hendricks as you explore Mud Lake by canoe. You will ply the shores of this wildlife haven and look for colony nesting birds, bald eagles and shorebirds. Much of this lake is closed to visitation during this period making this a unique opportunity. You must have your own canoe or come with someone who has one. Capacity: 12 people (6 canoes).



Contact Brian Wehausen to reserve your spot!

brian_wehausen@fws.gov or call: 208-241-5410 (email preferred).



Directions to the Ducks Unlimited Market Lake Ranch

From Idaho Falls, travel north on Interstate 15 for approximately 18 miles to Roberts, Idaho. Take the Roberts Exit east onto E 627 N and drive to North Bassett Road (N 2880 E). Turn north on North Bassett and travel through the town of Roberts for approximately 1.75 miles to the Diamond Road (E 800 N). Turn Left (west) onto the Diamond road and cross over Interstate 15. The DU Market Lake Ranch headquarters (formerly Western Wings property) is on the left. Camas NWR, Market Lake WMA and Mud Lake WMA are all easily accessible from this location.

